This is a tutorial from the librarians at Lone Star College – North Harris. The purpose of this video is to teach you how to use the database Vocational and Career Collection.

The Vocational and Career Collection is a database of articles from trade magazines and other industry-specific publications. It’s a great tool for finding information about different careers.

As an example, let’s look for information about careers in nursing. Type “nursing AND careers” into the search bar.

Many of the articles in this database are available in full text, but not all of them are. If you’d like to view only full text articles, check off the limiter option marked “Full Text”.

Whenever you’re doing research, it’s important to make sure that your information is up-to-date. Articles from many years ago about careers may not still be accurate. So let’s limit our search results to the last five years. Use the Publish Date from menu to select a beginning date of five years ago, and an end date of this month.

Now click on search.

Here is the search results page. The database has returned 95 search results.

The first article is entitled “Nursing jobs in nursing homes.” That might be relevant to our search, so click on the title.

Here is the article record. It contains information about the article, including who wrote it, where it was published, and a summary.

If you’d like to view the full text of the article, click on PDF Full Text.

Here is the article. To save the article, click on the floppy disk icon. To print the article, click on the printer icon. To email the article, click on the envelope icon.